GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5272
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BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hand over the basic telephone services of 40 circles in different States on 20 years lease basis; and

(b) if so, the details thereof circle-wise and company-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): 40 Letters of Intent have only been issued to 3 applicant companies namely M/s Tata Teleservices limited, M/s Reliance Communications Pvt. Limited and M/s HFCL Infotel Ltd. against their applications for licences to provide basic telephone service in various service areas as per details in Annexure-I. In case, the said applicant companies succeed to sign the licence after compliance in respect of payment of applicable entry fee, submission of requisite bank guarantees and other requirements then the validity of such licence agreement shall be for a period of 20 years initially.

ANNEXURE-I

Name of the Applicant Company	Letter of Intent (LOI) Issued for
M/s Tata Teleservices Ltd.	Orissa, West Bengal (including Kolkatta and Sikkim), U P (East), Madhya Pradesh (including Chhatisgarh), Bihar (including Jharkhand), U P West (including Uttaranchal), Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu (including Chennai & Pondicherry), Delhi, Maharashtra (including Mumbai and Goa), Gujarat, Karnataka.
M/s Reliance Communications Private Ltd	Jammu & Kashimr, Andaman & Nicobar, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh (including Chhatisgarh), Bihar (including Jharkhand), Orissa, U P West (including Uttaranchal), Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra (including Mumbai and Goa), Karnataka, U P East, West Bengal (including Kolkatta and Sikkim), Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, Tamil Nadu (including Chennai and Pondicherry)
M/s HFCL Infotel Limited	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai and Pondicherry), Kerala, U P West (including Uttaranchal), Karnataka, Haryana, Delhi, Maharashtra (including Mumbai and Goa).